



# HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY THE CONGREGATION OF HOLY CROSS

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*“WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION”*

<https://holyredeemerpxchurch.org>

DECEMBER 11, 2022

## Mass & Confession Times

### SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm Saturday Vigil  
8:00am Sunday (English)  
10:00am Sunday (English)  
Noon Sunday (Spanish)

### DAILY MASSES

7:15am Monday—Friday  
8:00am Saturday

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

School Christmas Concert, **No Adoration this Thursday**

## Sacramental Life

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact Frs. Cameron, Pat or Michael

### BAPTISM

Please contact Fr. Michael, Ext. 510.

### FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

Please contact Rectory Office.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please contact Teresa Markgraf, Ext. 502.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please contact a priest eight months in advance.

## Rectory Office Hours

Monday—Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

## Christmas Masses Schedule

Saturday, December 24, 4:00 pm English Mass

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm Spanish Mass

Saturday, December 24, 11:30 pm Caroling and English Mass

Sunday December 25, 10:00 am English Mass



## Parish Calendar

### 3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 11

10:00 am Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall  
11:00 am Communion Economy Discussion Brunch, Rectory  
2:00 pm Confirmation Class, Clare Hall  
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary, Church

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 pm Stepping Into Serenity Al Anon Meeting, Guadalupe Room  
6:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary and Songs to Mary, Church  
7:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass, Church

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir Practice, Church  
6:30 pm SVDP Meeting, Rectory Conference Room  
7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 pm Parish Finance Council Meeting, Rectory  
7:00 pm English Choir Practice, Church

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 NO ADORATION

6:30 pm School Christmas Program, Church  
7:00 pm Hispanic AA Meeting, Guadalupe Room

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 pm Charismatic Group, Church

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00 pm Spanish First Communion Group, Clare Hall

### 4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 18

10:00 am Spanish First Communion Class, Clare Hall  
5:30-8:30:00pm Youth Night, begin in Church

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**SANCTUARY LIGHT: HR Parishioners**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
7:15am **Edith Tse & Family**  
*by Sr. Terese Tsang*  
7:00pm **Holy Redeemer Parishioners**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
7:15am **Marie Hong Tran †**  
*by Joseph S. Tran*  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
7:15am **Stethanie Li & Family**  
*by Sr. Terese Tsang*  
8:20am **Homebound of HR Parish**  
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
7:15am **Harvey Freeman †**  
*by Linda Beasley Freeman*  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
7:15am **John Safranski**  
*by Dick Safranski*  
**SATURDAY DECEMBER 17**  
8:00am **Jonathan Oliver †**  
*by Frances Crunchie*  
5:00pm **Jose Guadalupe Gonzalez †**  
*by HR Community*  
**4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT, DECEMBER 18**  
8:00am **In Thanksgiving**  
10:00 am **HR Parishioners**  
Noon **Marie Hong Tran †**  
*by Joseph S. Tran*



**YOUR HOLY REDEEMER STORY BEGINS HERE**  
**WITH A WARM WELCOME!**

**Welcome Ryan Costello, Lina Jarasius and their son Aras! We are happy your family is joining our Holy Redeemer Family!**

## This Week's Readings

Sunday, December 11  
Isaiah 35:1-6a,10  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 12  
Zechariah 2:14-17  
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 13  
Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13  
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14  
Isaiah 45:6c-8,18,21c-25  
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15  
Isaiah 54:1-10  
Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 16  
Isaiah 56:1-3a,6-8  
John 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17  
Genesis 49:2,8-10  
Matthew 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18  
Isaiah 7:10-14  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-24



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## Church News, Outreach and Social Justice



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** It is time for those wishing to participate in the Christmas Memorial Flower Fund to do so. A list will be published so that all of the Parish community will be able to join in prayer for those remembered or honored. The last date for your memorial contribution is **Next Monday, December 19th**. Please give names to be honored, your name and monetary gift, marked FLOWER FUND, at the Parish Office.

### SEEKING BUSINESS MANAGER

Holy Redeemer Parish/School is seeking a Business Manager to assist the Pastor in the prudent stewardship of the parish's personnel, financial and capital resources. Ensures the effectiveness of operations, informing and advising the Pastor, department heads, and various parish councils and committees as needed. Handles all accounting procedures for parish and school. This position is part of the core management team that supports the Pastor and ensures that the pastoral and administrative needs of the Parish are met. **For complete job description, see parish website:** <https://holyredeemerpxchurch.org>.

Please send letter of interest and resume to Fr. Patrick M. Neary, C.S.C., Pastor, at [pnearycsc@gmail.com](mailto:pnearycsc@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Neary at 503-285-4539.



### HOLY REDEEMER'S SVDP CONFERENCE

"Giving help and hope one person at a time." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by a small group of students in Paris in 1835 and now stretches across the globe. Its namesake and patron saint was a sixteenth century priest from Pouy, France who became known as the "Father of the Poor." The Society was unique for its time in that it was formed by lay Catholics, and it offered charity to foreigners as well as non-Catholics. A truly Christian enterprise! Our conference at Holy Redeemer seeks to reflect this Vincentian spirit through our rent and utility

assistance program as well as a food pantry, all staffed and funded entirely through volunteers. Our pantry receives food from the parish as well as partner agencies such as the Oregon Food Bank, Safeway, and Nite Hawk Cafe & Lounge. Each conference is governed by a Board of Directors which includes a spiritual advisor and is overseen by the Portland District Council [www.svdppdx.org](http://www.svdppdx.org). Meetings take place in the rectory on the **second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please contact board president Gordon Oliver [oliver.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.svdp@gmail.com).

### TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES DECEMBER 12th CALL 503-285-4539 ext. 520.

Holy Redeemer SVDP Conference will have Christmas Food Boxes for those in need this year. Please call and leave a message with your Name, Phone Number, Address and Number of people in the Household. We will call back to arrange in-person delivery on Saturday December 17.

### DRIVERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS FOOD BOX DELIVERIES ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 9am-11am

We ask for two people to deliver together per car, deliver to 5 households at most and done by 11am at the latest. please contact Gordon Oliver at [oliver.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.svdp@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING CHRISTMAS JOY TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

**FOOD PANTRY** Do you have enough food for yourself or your family? Our pantry offers fresh, frozen and canned food to those in need. Located behind the church, we are open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:30 to 4:00 pm. Other food resources include the SVDP website at [www.svdppdx.org](http://www.svdppdx.org) and [foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org](http://foodfinder.oregonfoodbank.org). SVDP is an equal opportunity provider and all requests are treated confidentially.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned Pumpkin, Boxed stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Cooking Oil, Bags of Potatoes  
You may bring fresh or frozen items during our pantry hours on Wednesdays or Saturdays, or email Gordon Oliver at [oliver.svdp@gmail.com](mailto:oliver.svdp@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off time. Thanks! Bring donations to the pantry during open hours, the rectory, or use the shopping cart at the entrance to the church. With your help we can offer items that are otherwise difficult to obtain. Thank you!

### RENT & UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

Do you need help paying for rent or utilities? SVDP Holy Redeemer offers up to \$750 in rent and \$400 in utility assistance per year to individuals or families living within our parish boundaries. To apply, call the **SVDP Emergency Services Hotline at 503-235-8431** or visit the website at [www.svdppdx.org](http://www.svdppdx.org). Parish donors make this assistance possible. Thank you

## Growing in Faith



### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will be collecting donations at the back of the Church after the Masses NEXT weekend. *Thank you for your continuing support.*



### **ADVENT GIVING TREE:**

### **RETURN GIFTS BY THIS FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 3pm TO PARISH OFFICE.**

Take this opportunity to share your many blessings with those in our community and brighten their holiday season. Please take a tag and return it with your wrapped gift or monetary donation to the Parish office by December 16, 3:00pm. Email [givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org](mailto:givingtree@holyredeemerpx.org) with any questions. *Your generosity is appreciated!*

### **MINISTRY TO THOSE IN PRISON**

The Archdiocese of Portland's Prison Ministry is looking for volunteers to lead prayer services at Columbia River Corrections Institute 1-4 times per month on Wednesdays, 7-8 pm. Contact Alexander Roth ([amroth2@gmail.com](mailto:amroth2@gmail.com)) or visit [pastoralministry.archdpx.org/prison-ministry](http://pastoralministry.archdpx.org/prison-ministry) to learn more.

Is God calling you to proclaim freedom to prisoners in North Portland (Luke 4:18)?

*Requirements:* Love of God, love of God's church, love of people

*Recommended:* knowledge of scripture and lectionary, teaching/catechesis experience, musicianship (e.g. guitar)

### **YOUTH GROUP ON DECEMBER 18TH AT 1:30PM- DRESS WARMLY!**

All teenagers and their families are invited to join our Spanish speaking community for LAS POSADAS, a Latin American Advent tradition that involves re-enacting in song the struggle of Mary and Joseph to find a safe place for Mary to give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. A meal and fiesta will follow, along with games and activities for teens in the gym.

### **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS HOSTED BY SIMONE WEIL CATHOLIC WORKER COMMUNITY**

The community will be hosting this event on Friday, December 16th It will begin with a house **Mass at 6:00pm** with Father Cameron presiding. Potluck-style dinner to follow and end with Lessons and Carols, a series of scripture reading and sung hymns for the advent season. The address is **5311 NE 15th Avenue**.

All are welcome!



## Fr. Pat's Message



Dear Friends:

During Advent we often sing the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." The song is based on the O Antiphons which were drawn from the Book of the prophet Isaiah and composed in the sixth or seventh century. Since ancient times, the seven O Antiphons are chanted or recited during Vespers in the days leading up to Christmas, beginning on December 17.

Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, a bishop emeritus of San Angelo, Texas, discovered an interesting secret about the O Antiphons which I had never heard before. He wrote that the first letters of each antiphon form the Latin word SARCORE, which read backwards is ERO CRAS, which means 'Tomorrow I come.'

Here is the pattern he discovered:

December 17 — "O **S**apientia"/"O Wisdom" (Isaiah 11:2-3; 28:29)  
December 18 — "O **A**donai"/"O Lord" (Isaiah 11:4-5; 33:22)  
December 19 — "O **R**adix Jesse"/"O Root of Jesse" (Isaiah 11:1; 11:10)  
December 20 — "O **C**lavis David"/"O Key of David" (Isaiah 9:6; 22:22)  
December 21 — "O **O**riens"/"O Dawn of the East" (Isaiah 9:2)  
December 22 — "O **R**ex Gentiu"/"O King of the Gentiles" (Isaiah 2:4; 9:7)  
December 23 — "O **E**mmanuel"/"God with Us" (Isaiah 7:14)

Together, these antiphons spell out "a hopeful message about the coming of the long-awaited Messiah, of Jesus as we prepare for his birthday each year on December 25," Bishop Pfeifer said. He went on to explain why they end on December 23. "Traditionally feasts were said to begin on the eve of their celebration, so Christmas begins at sundown on December 24," he wrote.

"Each Christmas Jesus fulfills the promise 'I will come tomorrow' by being born again as a tiny baby, the Godman, Jesus Christ," he wrote. "We can make the following O Antiphons part of our Advent preparation for the birth of Christ by using them in our prayers or Advent scriptural readings."

He added: "Then in gratitude and joy we celebrate the birth of our long-awaited savior, Jesus Christ — Christmas."

What I also appreciated was his pastoral message around all of this. It was simply: 'Don't forget the baby!' He suggests that the first thing we should think about is what gift the baby Jesus wants to give us. The second thing is that we figure out what we find in our hearts that we want to give the baby Jesus.

I think of the little drummer boy who had no gift to bring the child king but decided to play his drum for him and played his best for him. Then the child king smiled at him.

Are we any different from the little drummer boy? What shall we give him this Christmas?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Pat